IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 00-1312-C)

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In application of:)	
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Kopreski)	Before the Examiner:
.)	F. Lu
Serial No. 09/966,515)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: September 28, 2001	}	
	}	
For: Method Enabling the Use of Extracellular	}	
(RNA Extracted from Plasma or Serum to)	
Detect, Monitor or Evaluate Cancer)	

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 19, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the informal telephone interview between Examiner Lu and Applicant's undersigned representative earlier today, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6, 9-12, 21, 37, 40, 41, 52 and 53 as herein amended, claim 8 as previously amended, and claims 7 and 36 as filed are pending in the application. The asserted grounds of rejection are overcome by amendment in part and traversed by argument in part.